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SUBJECT: REMAINING HIJACKERS SENTENCED

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TO US RADIO REPORTS THAT THE REMAINING THREE DEFENDANTS  
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SENTENCE ON THE NEW YORK STATE CHARGES.

2. KORMAN EXPECTS APPEALS OF THESE SENTENCES ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE THREE DEFENDANTS. HE SAID APPEALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FILED FOR ZVONKO AND JULIE BUSIC.

3. COMMENT: THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAD EARLIER TOLD US IT EXPECTED THE SENTENCES TO BE APPEALED IN

A PROCESS THAT COULD LAST INTO THE FALL. AT THAT TIME THE OFFICE PREDICTED THAT IN ANY CASE THE SENTENCES WOULD PROBABLY STAND. VANCE

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